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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PLAN TO CONDUCT BAITFISH SURVEY IN TTPI WATERS

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1. REFTTEL DESCRIBED JAPANESE PLANS TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY FISHING IN TTPI WATERS FOR FOUR-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1974. TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO CONDU T RESEARCH IN TTPI WATERS, JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY SENT SHIGEO MIYAMOTO, CHIEF, TUNA FISHING SECTION, TO SAIPAN AND TRUK IN MID-MARCH TO CONFER WITH HICOMTERPACIS AND DISTRICT AUTHORITIES. MIYAMOTO'S TRIP WAS REPORTED IN FISHERY TRADE JOURNAL SUISAN TSUSHI, APRIL 4, 1974. REGFISHATT CALLED MIYAMOTO APRIL 5 TO CONFIRM ACCURACY OF ARTICLE, GIST OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWS:

A. HICOMTERPACIS INFORMED MIYAMOTO IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO JAPANESE RESEARCH PLAN PROVIDED (1) JAPANESE VESSEL WAS SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FUEL, (2) SURVEY REPORT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND (3) JAPAN OBTAINS APPROVAL OF DISTRICT AUTHORITIES IN TRUK AND PONAPE TO CONDUCT STUDY.

B. DISTRICT AUTHORITIES IN TRUK INFORMED MIYAMOTO THEY WOULD PERMIT RESEARCH PROVIDED THAT (1) JAPANESE VESSEL WOULD BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FUEL, (2) SURVEY REPORT OULD ALSO BE UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE AVAILABLE TO SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN, AND (3) VESSEL WOULD DONATE ITC CATCH OF SKIPJACK TO HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

C. MIYAMOTO CLAIMED FUELING DID NOT PRESENT PROBLEM SINCE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE DEVELOPED TO OBTAIN FUEL FROM OTHER JAPANESE VESSELS. AS FOR DISSEMINATION OF SURVEY REPORT, IT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC AND HENCE BE AVAILABLE TO SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN. HOWEVER, PROPOSAL TO DONATE CATCH CREATED SOME DIFFICULTY SINCE MARINE FISHERY RESOURCE CENTER WHICH WILL BE OPERATING CHARTERED RESEARCH VESSEL OBTAINS ONE-THIRD OF ITS FINANCING BY SELLING CATCH AND OTHER TWO-THIRDS FROM GOJ. CENTER HAS UNDER NOW CONSIDERATION PROPOSAL TO SELL PART OF CHARTERED VESSEL'S CATCH CHEAPLY TO DISTRICT.

D. MIYAMOTO STATED JAPAN OFFERED TO ACCEPT OBSERVERS TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH CRUISE. DEPENDING ON CAPACITY OF FISHING VESSEL TO BE CHARTERED FOR STUDY, HE THOUGHT AS MANY AS TWO OBSERVERS COULD BE ACCOMODATED. A TRUK DISTRICT MEMBER INDICATED HE WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION.
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